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Walked around to Foster's this morning. The cold was such as almost to freeze my ears en route. Bowie, Bohlen and I, later joined by Doug, Livie and C. D. Jackson, with Rod O'Connor present, talked over what might usefully be done next week by the U. S. Delegation. We believe in the advisability, at an appropriate time, of Foster meeting alone with Molotov and the latter's interpreter to have a frank interchange of views, at least on EDC and Indo-China.

Bob Bowie and I went to the State Opera House, where we had just enough time to finish off some frankfurters, beer and coffee before joining E. and Bill Tyler, who had lunched together. The opera was Mozart's Abduction from a Harem. Very gay, light plot, charming music with a fine bass part. Enthusiastic audience.

Tonight we did the forty-five minute trip to the French Zone to dine with James Bayens, who was entertaining the Bidaults, François-Poncets and many others, mostly French. Doug MacArthur, Eddy Page, and Bill Hayter were there.

I had a long [redacted] talk with Alexandre Parodi on EDC. I strongly advised him against the Quai d'Orsay pursuing further its attempts to alter the present text of the EDC Treaty. We discussed the possibility of caring for the concern of many Frenchmen over the possibility of the German forces eventually breaking loose from Community supervision by external guarantees from the U.S., U.K., and even the U.S.S.R. Parodi suggested it might be well if he and I met informally and frequently for lunch in Paris to exchange views.

There was dancing, supported by Falaise ~~at the piano. Georges and Suzy~~ Bidault were in high spirits and went off to the horse show. Georges has

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performed brilliantly during this week and I think the widespread applause for his skill is gratifying to him.

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